

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, line 5:

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/932,030, filed September 2, 2004.

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0006] However, there have been the problems mentioned below when a green body such as undried formed material was reused for a raw material for forming a honeycomb body structure, unlike the case the above-mentioned dried formed material was used. That is, since a green body contains water of about 20% by mass and has a high viscosity; therefore, when the green body is added into an ordinary raw material for forming a honeycomb body structure used in the form of dried powder, the green body ~~has becomes~~ lumps of about fist size and only a compounded mixture for forming a green body is obtained wherein the raw material for forming a honeycomb body structure and the green body are mixed in a non-uniform state.

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0008] Hence, in the past, it was necessary to ~~beforehand~~ knead a compounded mixture for forming a green body using a kneader and then feed the kneaded compounded mixture for forming a green body into a batch type extruder, and such an operation was troublesome. Because of such problems, no effective method for enabling reuse of a green body per se as a raw material for forming a honeycomb body structure has been found yet, and rejected products of undried formed material are still being disposed as a waste.